**Woodstock**

It all started in the summer of 1969 when Michael Lang, john Roberts, Joel Rosenan, and Artie Kornfield. There were many problems and predicaments with e Woodstock festival from the very beginning to the end. Overall this was an extremely large music festival the featured, in my opinion, some of the best rock bands ever to be. The majority of the crowd that arrived for this outdoor rock concert were so called “Hippies” with 500,000 attending. As you can see Woodstock was a pretty big deal.

There were quite a lot of problems at the beginning and setting up of the festival. The location was changed from the first location of, Mills Industrial Park, in the town of Wakefield, New York to, Max Yasgur’s farm also in New York. Lang promised the state of New York that only 50, 000 were scheduled to attend. Lang also had to put up $100,000 to make this festival possible for the bands, the farm, and other facilities. Time was of the essence as festival workers tried to prepare the stage and all other measures for the mass of people that were being expected as 186,000 tickets were sold.

Turning this festival into a “free” concert may have been a bad idea and the bands on the scheduled to play were extremely popular at the time. With this combination, when the festival started, the people started rolling in. More people than expected actually, 500,000 to be exact. Lang had not expected this amount of festival goers and it turned into chaos. He had nowhere near the amount of food, parking, or facilities to accommodate this many people. Food was scarce so mothers in the area started making mass quantities of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to help the starving hippies but the concert did go on.

The after math of the festival was just crazy. Some festival goers did not leave for a good couple days after the festival ended. Car had to be towed out of the muddy fields and the stage had to be taken down. The pond behind the stage where skinny dipping was popular was riddled with filth. The fields where load and littered with garbage, trash, and anything you can imagine. To say the least Yasgur said that he would not rent his farm out anymore and just wanted to go back to being a dairy farmer. Now a plaque has been placed at this original farm to commemorate the festival.

As you can see Woodstock was a pretty big deal during the summer of 1969. Some of the greatest rock bands of all time played at this crazy hippy concert. From the bands to the drugs, Woodstock seems like it was a totally radical and insane music festival. Not the mention all of ridiculous people that were determined to attend. As you can see Woodstock was a pretty interesting place to be in the summer of 1969.